Christmas tree with garlands

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.8 in (10.9 × 12.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

14 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Long and short stitch**
   colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 13
   1 strand: trunk, birds
   2 strands: tier five, tier four, tier three, tier two, tier one
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, colors 3, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13
   Ground, red beads, bird tails, bird wings, bills, bird eyes, star
3. **Herringbone stitch**, 2 strands, color 8
   Herringbone band
4. **Split stitch**, 2 strands, colors 4, 7
   Tier edges
5. **Chain stitch**, 2 strands, colors 5, 8, 10
   Ground chain, scalloped hems, chain stitch scales
6. **Fly stitch**, 2 strands, color 8
   Fly stitch band
7. **Feather stitch**, 2 strands, color 5
   Lines of the feather stitch band
8. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands, colors 2, 5, 9
   Scale rays, bow ends, legs
9. **Stem stitch**, colors 2, 4, 11
   2 strands: trunk edges, ground edge, garland cords
   1 strand: bird edges
10. **Back stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
    Star edge
11. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 2 strands, colors 5, 8, 9
    Lazy daisies, loops of the bows, wing feathers
12. **French knot**, two wraps, colors 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13
    2 strands: hem knots, tip knots, daisy centers, daisy berries, fly stitch knots, knots of the feather stitch band, gold beads, knots of the bows, star knot
    1 strand: knots of the bird eyes

Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 433 Medium Brown	6	DMC 501 Dark Blue Green	11	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
2	DMC 801 Dark Coffee Brown	7	DMC 500 Very Dark Blue Green	12	DMC 783 Medium Topaz
3	DMC 3363 Medium Pine Green	8	DMC 3820 Dark Straw	13	DMC 498 Dark Red
4	DMC 3362 Dark Pine Green	9	DMC 321 Red	14	DMC 780 Ultra Very Dark Topaz
5	DMC 712 Cream	10	DMC 3364 Pine Green		

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a loop is one lazy daisy, begun at its point; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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